directly and positively related to the level of economic development of the countries concerned such as technology, education, working conditions etc.

Statement

Average Wage Earnings of workers in Manufacturing Units in different Countries

Sl. No	Country	Currency	Unit: Per	Year	Average Wage Earnings
1.	United States	Dollar	hour	2007	17.26
2.	United Kingdom	Pound	hour	2006	11.37
3.	France	Euro	hour	2005	16.77
4.	Germany	Euro	hour	2007	19.09
5.	Italy	Euro	hour	2006	116.70
6.	Spain	Euro	hour	2007	13.35
7.	Japan	Yen	month	2007	296800.00
8.	Denmark	Krone	hour	2006	235.63
9.	Norway	Krone	month	2007	31983.00
10.	Sweden	Krone	hour	2007	139.50
11.	India	Rupee	month	2005	1234.40

Source: ILO

Construction of houses for Beedi workers in Kerala

964. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications were received from the Government of Kerala pertaining to the construction of houses under the Revised Integrated Housing Scheme, 2005 for Beedi workers and others;

(b) if so, the details of the number of applications received so far;

(c) whether administrative approval to the applications have been granted and released funds to the State; and

(d) if so, the details of the approval granted and funds released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A total number of 2049 applications for construction of houses by individual beedi workers were received through the Government of Kerala were considered under the Revised Integrated Housing Scheme, 2007 for Beedi Workers,

etc. Out of 2049 applications, 1854 applications, involving a total subsidy of Rs. 741.60 lakhs @ Rs. 40,000/- per house were found eligible. These have been granted administrative approval. As per the provision of the Revised Integrated Housing Scheme — 2007, if the Beedi workers are constructing their houses on individual basis, the funds will be released to the workers directly and not to the State Government.

Ongoing schemes and projects in Uttar Pradesh

965. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing schemes and projects of the Ministry in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of complaints and suggestions received in regard thereto;

(c) the action taken thereon and amount involved in each scheme/project; and

(d) whether the full allocated budgeted allocation was spent by the Ministry during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The Plan Schemes of the Ministry of Labour and Employment like upgradation of Training Institutes, Skill Development Initiative, Strengthening of adjudication machinery and holding of Lok Adalats, National Child Labour Project etc., operating throughout India, cover Uttar Pradesh.

(b) According to information available, while there are no specific complaints received regarding operation of these schemes in Uttar Pradesh, a suggestion has been received from the Uttar Pradesh Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation Limited that Skill Development Initiative (SDI) scheme be dovetailed with the scheme run by the Corporation to provide stipend, training fee, cost of books etc. to Scheduled Cast candidates.

(c) The Corporation has been advised to register as Vocational Training Provider (VTP) under the SDI scheme.

(d) The Plan expenditure of Ministry of Labour and Employment was Rs. 192.48 crore, Rs. 225.39 crore and Rs. 1280.22 crore as against RE outlay of Rs. 200.00 crore, Rs. 235.00 crore and Rs. 1250.00 crore in 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively.

Unemployment allowance for retrenched workers

966. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of retrenched employees received 'unemployment allowance' provided by Employees State Insurance Corporation, State-wise for the last three years;

(b) whether Government proposed to increase unemployment allowance to 50 per cent of salary for one year to retrenched workers; and